

**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
41914 N. 50<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
(661) 722-0716  
www.westside.k12.ca.us

**REGINA L. ROSSALL**  
District Superintendent  
Fax: (661) 974-8588

**ROBERT W. ABEL**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Administrative Services  
Fax: (661) 943-1298

**MARGUERITE JOHNSON**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Educational Services  
Fax: (661) 974-8588

**ROBERT HUGHES**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Human Resources  
Fax: (661) 942-2576

**SHAWN CABEY**  
Director, Business Services  
Fax: (661) 942-0058

**GLEN EGBERT**  
Director, Student Support Services  
Fax: (661) 722-1046

**NANCY HEMSTREET**  
Director, Child Nutrition Services  
(661) 943-1057  
Fax: (661) 722-2378

**JORDAN AQUINO**  
Director, Fiscal Services  
Fax: (661) 942-0058

**SCHOOL SITES**

**ANAVERDE HILLS SCHOOL**  
Scott Brewer, Principal

**COTTONWOOD SCHOOL**  
Victoria Peck, Principal

**DEL SUR SCHOOL**  
Deborah Rutkowski-Hines, Principal

**ESPERANZA SCHOOL**  
Sheryl McPherson, Principal

**HILL VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Joe Andrews, Principal

**JOE WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Robert Garza, Principal

**LEONA VALLEY SCHOOL**  
Scott Brewer, Principal

**QUARTZ HILL SCHOOL**  
Shelly Dearing, Principal

**RANCHO VISTA SCHOOL**  
Paula Sour, Principal

**SUNDOWN SCHOOL**  
Rodney Lots, Principal

**VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL**  
Cathy Bennett, Principal



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
John Curiel  
Steve DeMarzio  
Gwendolyn Farrell  
Linda Jones  
Joan Sodergren

August 1, 2008

Dean C. Logan  
Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters  
12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, California 90504

Re: Westside Union School District  
General Obligation Bond Election, November 4, 2008

Dear Mr. Logan:

Enclosed is a signed copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Westside Union School District ordering a general obligation bond election for November 4, 2008. This election is being ordered under Proposition 39 and requires a 55% vote for passage.

In order to comply with Proposition 39 and related statutes the Board has adopted a full ballot text to be printed in the ballot pamphlet and an abbreviated form of measure (Appendix A to the Resolution).

The Board of Trustees has requested consolidation of this election with others occurring on the same day and we are submitting a copy of the resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Abel  
Assistant Superintendent  
Administrative Services

RWA/nt

Enclosure

cc: County Superintendent of Schools  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO 09-06

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008

**WHEREAS**, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Westside Union School District (the "District"), it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the acquisition and improvement of real property and the furnishing, building and equipping of school facilities of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is authorized to pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by a 55% vote of the electorate on the question whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes, under Article XIII A Section 1 paragraph (b) of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") and under Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 10403 *et seq.* of the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Call for Election.** The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in the maximum principal amount of \$63.5 million for the purpose of raising money to finance school facilities and property of the District, and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in the ballot measure approved under Section 3. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election.

**Section 2. Election Date.** The date of the election shall be November 4, 2008, and the election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.

**Section 3. Purpose of Election; Ballot Measure.** The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a measure, a full copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act. As required by Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto as Appendix B. The Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure as required to

conform to any requirements of Article XIII A, the Act or the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters.

**Section 4. Authority for Election.** The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15264 *et. seq.* of the Education Code and Section I paragraph (b) subsection (3) of Article XIII A. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

**Section 5. School Facilities Projects.** As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects set forth in Appendix A.

**Section 6. Covenants of the Board upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate.** As required by Article XIII and Section 15278 of the Act, in the event 55 percent or more of the voters voting in the District approve of the Bonds, the Board shall:

- (a) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the projects listed in Appendix A;
- (b) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed in Appendix A; and
- (c) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act.

**Section 7. Delivery of this Resolution.** The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters (the "County Registrar") and the Los Angeles County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The County Registrar is hereby requested to print the full text of the ballot measure in the ballot materials and to publish the Notice of School Bond Election in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

**Section 8. State Matching Funds.** The District hereby requests that the County Registrar include the following statement in the ballot pamphlet, pursuant to Section 15122.5 of the Education Code:

"Approval of Measure \_\_\_\_ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Westside Union School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure \_\_\_\_ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure \_\_\_\_\_. The District's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

**Section 9. Consolidation of Election; Request to Provide Services.** The County Registrar and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 4, 2008, within the District. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit the County Registrar to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County in full upon presentation of a bill, such services to include the publication of a formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code).

**Section 10. Ballot Arguments; Tax Rate Statement.** Any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, the Director of Business Services or any designee of the foregoing, are hereby authorized to execute any Tax Rate Statement or other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the bond measure on the ballot.

**Section 11. Accountability Measures.** As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, a statement in substantially the following form shall be included on the ballot for the Bonds, and the Board covenants to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 53411 of the Government Code:

#### **Accountability Measures**

As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures are hereby made a part of the District's Bond Measure \_\_ (the "Measure"):

- (a) The specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in the Full Text of the Measure;
- (b) The proceeds from the sale of the District's bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in the Measure, and not for any other purpose;
- (c) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code; and
- (d) The Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of Trustees of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in the Measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

**Section 12. Maturity Limit of Bonds.** The Bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature not more than 40 years from the date of issuance thereof. The Bonds shall be issued under the Act, under the provisions of Section 53506 of the California Government Code, or under any

other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts.

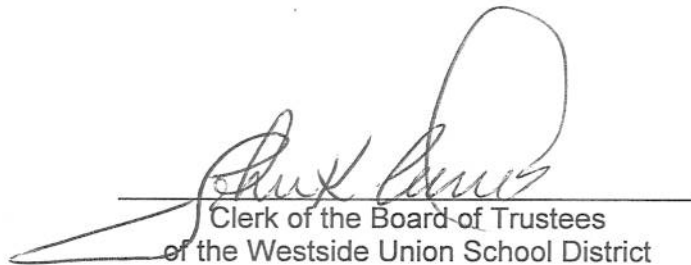
**Section 13. Engagement of Professional Services.** The Board hereby approves the engagement of the firm of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, to serve as bond counsel to the District in connection with the election proceedings and the issuance of the Bonds. Fees payable to such firm shall be contingent upon the successful passage of the bond measure and the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The Director of Business Services is hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement between said firm and the District, in the form on file with the Director of Business Services.

**Section 14. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

\*\*\*\*\*

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Westside Union School District of Los Angeles County, being the Board authorized by law to make the designations therein contained by the following vote, on July 29, 2008.

Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees  
of the Westside Union School District

**APPENDIX A**  
**BALLOT MEASURE**  
**FULL TEXT**

---

"To improve the quality of education; construct new elementary and middle schools to reduce overcrowding; upgrade and renovate outdated classrooms; increase student access to computers and modern technology; make health, safety and security improvements; and qualify the District for \$72 million in State-matching grants, shall the Westside Union School District issue \$63.5 million of bonds at legal interest rates, with no money for teacher or administrative salaries, and spending annually reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee?"

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

---

**BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$63.5 million in aggregated principal at interest rates below the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

**ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

**Evaluation of Needs.** The School Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** The School Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects



listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board.

**Performance Audits.** The School Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

**Financial Audits.** The School Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

### **FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

**No Administrator Salaries.** Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

### **BOND PROJECT LIST**

The Bond Project List shown below is a part of the ballot measure and must be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond measure.

**Evaluation of Needs.** As required by Article XIII A of the California Constitution, the Board of Trustees of the District has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects shown below.

**Projects Subject to Available Funding.** The following list of projects is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the bond measure. The District's proposal for the projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

**Scope of Projects.** Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve District facilities as described below. The specific school facilities projects which are described below include all related and incidental costs, including costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, site preparation, utilities, landscaping and other incidental costs, and construction management. Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire real property for future educational facilities and to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment at any classrooms and other facilities of the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects, which are described below as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction, including unforeseen conditions such as dry rot, mold and faulty engineering.

## **RENOVATION, MODERNIZATION, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS, SCHOOLS, AND FACILITIES**

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, rebuild and furnish the District's classrooms, restrooms, and other educational facilities including those located at:

Anaverde Hills Elementary School	Cottonwood Elementary School
Del Sur School	Esperanza Elementary School
Hillview Middle School	Joe Walker Middle School
Leona Valley Elementary School	Quartz Hill Elementary School
Rancho Vista Elementary School	Sundown Elementary School
Valley View Elementary School	Neenach Elementary School

Bond proceeds will also be used to provide the required local match to access an estimated \$72 million in State funds to help pay for the following projects. Whenever specific items are included in the following list, they are presented to provide an example and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects.

- Construct new classrooms at existing schools to replace outdated, temporary portable classrooms
- Construct new elementary schools to reduce student overcrowding
- Construct a new middle school to reduce student overcrowding
- Upgrade old heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems
- Make classrooms and school facilities more energy efficient through infrastructure improvements
- Upgrade electrical systems and improve student access to computers and modern technology
- Upgrade, modernize, and renovate outdated classrooms
- Make health and safety improvements, as required, to schools in the District
- Construct, upgrade, and renovate student support facilities including libraries, multipurpose rooms, restrooms, offices, and cafeterias
- Make handicap accessibility (ADA) upgrades and improvements throughout the District, including restrooms, classrooms, and playgrounds



## APPENDIX B

### BALLOT MEASURE ABBREVIATED FORM

---

"To improve the quality of education; construct new elementary and middle schools to reduce overcrowding; upgrade and renovate outdated classrooms; increase student access to computers and modern technology; make health, safety and security improvements; and qualify the District for \$72 million in State-matching grants, shall the Westside Union School District issue \$63.5 million of bonds at legal interest rates, with no money for teacher or administrative salaries, and spending annually reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee?"

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

---